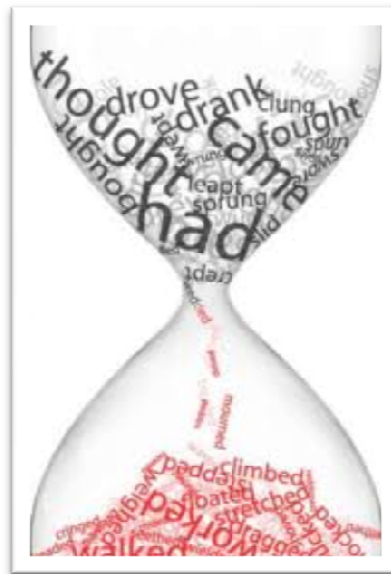


# SIMPLE PAST TENSE



Can you identify them?



In May 2008



In 2010



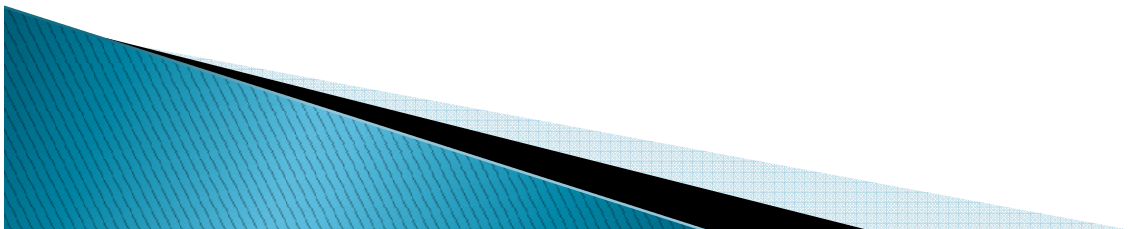
On 7<sup>th</sup> July 2009

# Why did we use the simple past to describe the 3 pictures?

- ▶ The Spanish team **won** the 2010 World Cup.
- ▶ The Sichuan earthquake **happened** 3 years ago in May 2008.
- ▶ Michael Jackson **died** on 25<sup>th</sup> June 2009.

Simple past tense is used to express the idea that an action **started and finished at a specific time in the past**.

→ Key words: yesterday, last, ago, in (past month / year), on (past day / date)



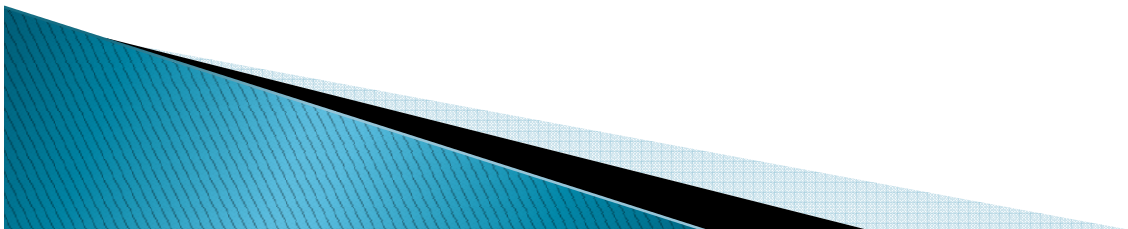
# SIMPLE PAST TENSE FORM

- ▶ How do we change the verb to show the action is completed?

We have to check the verbs:

A) regular

B) irregular

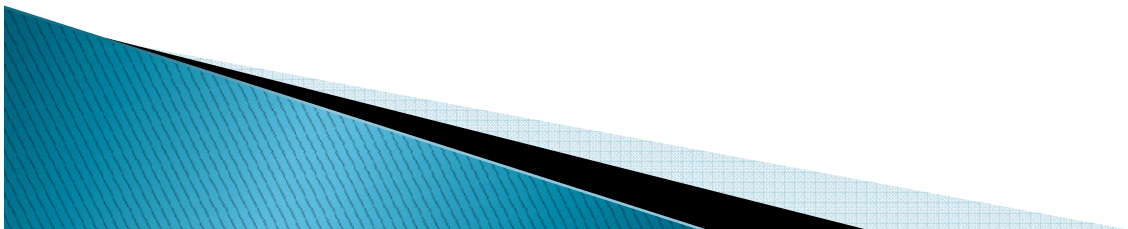


# SIMPLE PAST TENSE FORM

- ▶ If the verb is **regular**:

verb + -ed/-ied

example: wash**ed**, bak**ed**, stud**ied**



# SIMPLE PAST TENSE FORM

- ▶ If the verb is **irregular**:

A) we rewrite the verb

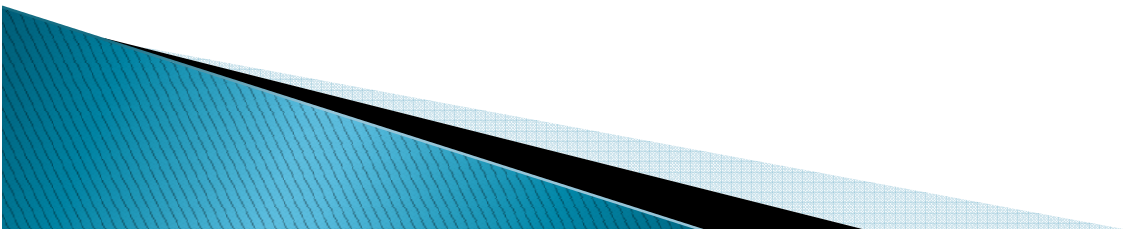
example: eat → ate

write → wrote

B) we do not change the verb at all

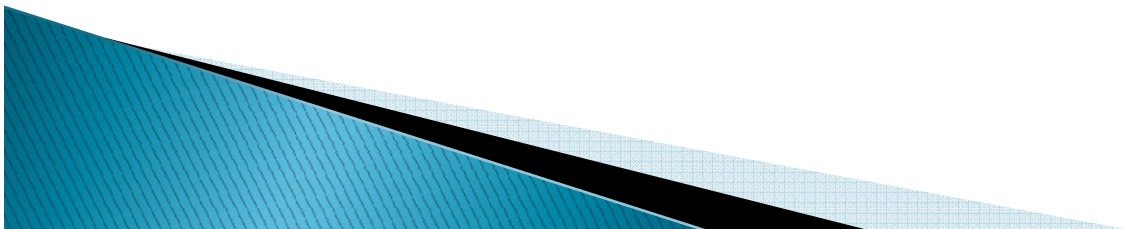
example: cut → cut

read → read



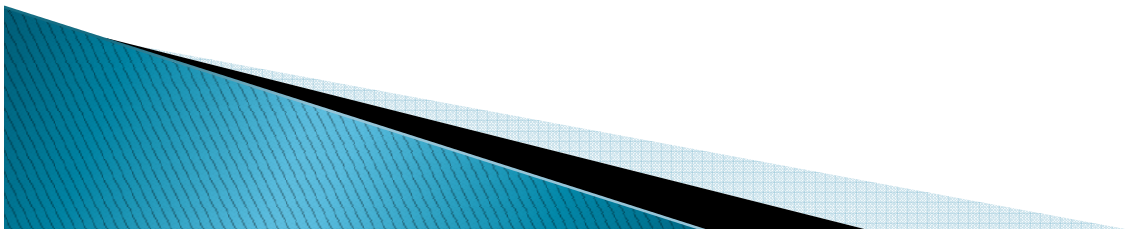
# Look at these sentences. What similarities do you see?

- ▶ Torres **passed** the ball to Villa. Villa **kicked** the ball into the goal post and **scored** a goal!
  - ▶ When the earthquake **struck**, buildings **collapsed**, people **ran** for cover and car alarms **went off**.
  - ▶ Doctors **tried** to save Michael Jackson. They **pumped** his heart and **gave** him oxygen.
- Simple past tense is also used to list a series of completed actions in the past.



# Other examples:

- ▶ I **finished** work, **walked** to the beach, and **found** a nice place to rest.
- ▶ **Did** you **add** flour, **pour** in the milk, and then **add** the eggs?





# Let's change these verbs into simple past.

Base Form	Past Simple	Base Form	Past Simple	Base Form	Past Simple
Become		Fight		Sleep	
Begin		Finish		Speak	
Break		Give		Steal	
Bring		Grow		Swim	
Catch		Hear		Think	
Choose		Hit		Wake	
Cost		Keep		Want	
Drink		Know		Watch	
Drive		Pay		Wear	
Fall		Ride		Win	
Feel		Stop		Write	